

Regional Interagency Coordinating Committee (RICC)

Meeting Agenda

June 9, 2008

12:00 – 12:30 New Business

Introductions

Members Present: Missi Baranko, Wanda Schweiger, Kimm Sickler, Kim Wood, Judy Bender, Corinne Chrusczh, Jill Staudinger, Edna Keller, Tammy Brumfield, Gilda Lubinski, and Merrill Fahlstrom.

Update Committee Member List

- We added a new member, Kim Wood, to the committee. Kim will serve in the parent role on the committee. She is also a social worker at Stark County Social Services.
- Merrill Fahlstrom informed us of her resignation at Rehab Visions at the end of June. She will also be resigning from the RICC. Merrill stated that if the committee was interested she could recommend to have Trish or Jean (Speech Pathologists from Rehab Visions) replace her.

Reimbursement Forms for Parents

Training Information

- Peg Crane, Melissa Schillo, Paulette Hofer, and Tammy Brumfield attended an Autism Conference at the Anne Carlson Center on June 5th and 6th.
- On June 27th and 28th there will be a CEED training offered by BECEP. For more information contact Jill Staudinger.
- The Crossroads conference will be the 2nd week in September.
- Early Intervention evaluators from each region will be attending training in July to learn how to use OAE's. They will participate in this training yearly.

K.I.D.S. Program Update

Staffing Update

- K.I.D.S. recently added a new position to their staff. Jennifer Armitage has accepted this position and will start on July 1, 2008.

Numbers Update

- The numbers continue to be around 65-69.
- [See attached Excel Data sheet for more data info.](#)

Right Track Program Update

Numbers Screened

	Screened	Referred
January	3	1
February	25	0
March	32	2
April	59	7
May	63	4

Update

- Kim shared that the visit schedule has changed slightly and they will be going back to surveillance screening.

RICC Parent Subcommittee Update

- The Parent Subcommittee has not met in a while. Missi is hoping to start having the group meet 2 times a year.

12:30-2:30 Quality Improvement Plan

☐ H.I.T. Update

- Jill updated the group about the transfer of fiscal agents for the K.I.D.S. Program from St. Joseph's Hospital to H.I.T. (Housing Industry and Training). The official transfer will be on July 1, 2008. Everyone involved is excited for the transition and things are going smoothly. Currently K.I.D.S. staff is busy figuring out the budget, revising policies, revising correspondence (letterhead, envelopes), and doing all the great things it takes to make this change.

☐ New Equipment

- Each region in the state received lots of new equipment. This equipment included a web camera, a digital camera, positioning devices, books, a laminator and more. Staff is still going through it all and hoping to have everything set up and working in July.

☐ Part C Monitoring Update (Compliance)

- Jill reviewed where Region 8 is at in terms of Compliance. We reviewed the compliance areas and how we are fixing those items out of compliance. A report needs to be submitted by June 30th to the state office stating how we (Region 8) are fixing the out of compliant issues and how we will keep it from happening in the future.

☐ Competency

- There is currently a Competency Workgroup working on reviewing the licensure rules and competency rules surrounding staff employed in Early Intervention. Jill is serving on the Competency Workgroup. They have met 3 times so far and will be meeting soon again. They are looking at required licensures, core standards and competencies to work in Early Intervention.

□ Natural Learning Opportunities Stakeholders Meeting

- On June 26th there will be a Natural Learning Opportunities Stakeholders meeting in Bismarck. Missi Baranko will be attending the meeting. The other stakeholders consist of private providers, early intervention providers, parents, Associations (Speech, PT, and OT), pediatricians, and others interested in Natural Learning Opportunities. Possible topics may include marketing needs and strategies, pre-service needs, and communication with families and providers.

□ Catalyst Center Data

The Catalyst Center is a national center dedicated to improving health care insurance and financing for children and youth with special health care needs (CYSHCN). We are funded by the Division of Services for Children with Special Health Care Needs of the Federal Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB).

The Center partners with a broad range of stakeholders to:

- Expand health insurance coverage of CYSHCN across the country;
- Close the gaps faced by underinsured families,
- Develop and disseminate innovative financing strategies at the community, state and national levels; and
- Enhance knowledge and collaboration among key stakeholder groups around financing issues.

You can visit the Catalyst Center at <http://www.hdwg.org/catalyst/> This website contains an online chart book filled with great data about each state and the country as a whole.

□ Confidentiality Form

- The committee reviewed the Confidentiality Form. A few minor changes were made in wording. We asked that if anyone had any further suggestions to let Missi know.

□ Early Intervention Referral Checklist

- Reviewed the Referral Checklist - it was not the one we thought it was. Missi will try to find the other referral checklist and will schedule a time for Jill, Kimm, Gilda, and Tammy to meet to go over the referral checklist so we can implement one that will work for our region.

Discuss the following Action Steps from the QIP

Educate physicians on the benefits of early intervention and the differences between therapy and early intervention. (Indicator 2) Will wait for the information from the Natural Learning Opportunities Stakeholders meeting and share the info with the physicians.	May 08 Updated – changed to December 08	RICC Subcommittee, State Resources (possible brochure), KIDS Staff, EP
Review Home Visit Data. Compare with how other regions are tracking home visits. Need to develop policy related to how home visits are tracked. (Indicator 2) In May the policy was reviewed and revised.	February 08 Completed May 08	EI Program Director, Experienced Parent/RICC Coordinator, EI Staff, Case Mangers
Do a refresher course for EI staff and Case Management on how to complete the Oregon. (Indicator 3) The TA team will be meeting with staff in July 08.	February 08 Updated – changed to August 08	EI Program Director, State Technical Assistance Team
Find out more specific information about each individual question on the family survey. (Indicator 4) We are still waiting for information regarding the survey.	May 08 Still waiting for info.	Experienced Parent, State office (for data)
Check with state regarding baseline data information. Pursue options for an ongoing update per county/per region. <u>Possibly check into using the birth registry</u> (Indicator 5) Checked into other possible ways to use a different baseline data. Because of federal rules, we cannot change this.	May 08 Completed.	RICC Coordinator, KIDS Staff
Educate physicians on things such as torticollis, feeding for suck-swallow-breath, not taking bottle well, hearing (including how to conduct a hearing screen) – so when they refer to direct therapy, they also consider referring to Infant Development. (Indicator 5)	May 08 Change to August 08	Rehab Staff, KIDS staff, Right Track, EP
Pursue the possibility of presenting to the students in the college nursing program <u>or other university programs.</u> (Indicator 5)	May 08 Change to October 08	KIDS Staff, Rehab Staff, EP, Right Track

Provide info to nurses that do home follow up with new parents – talk with Babykind director. (Indicator 5)	May 08 Change to October 08	KIDS Staff, Rehab Staff, EP, Right Track
KIDS RT and DDCM—will meet to coordinate service delivery between the three programs. (Indicator 5)	Current Completed	Right Track Coordinator, KIDS Program Director, Case Management

If the fiscal agent for the KIDS Program changes, make sure that our community partners, families and the general community are aware of the changes and will that our services will not change. (Indicator 6)	August 08	KIDS Staff, Experienced Parent
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Acquire OAE for region from the state so we can do the hearing screening during evaluations and send results to an audiologist to read. Discuss option for Right Track screeners to conduct OAE's as part of their screening process. (Indicator 7) Peg and Jill will be attending a training on OAE's and receiving the OAE's in July.	ASAP July 08	State OFFICE, K.I.D.S. Staff
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